

Has patriotism disappeared?

We rarely encounter the word "patriotism" anymore, even though it once evoked responses of loyalty, unity, and shared faith.

Wejster defines patriotism as "love of country, devotion to the welfare of one's country." But after Vietnam, Watergate, a decade and more of anti-government sentiment and the erosion of trust in political officials, writers and orators hesitate before using the word.

Of course, patriotism can suggest a narrow, mean xenophobia in which the patriot builds his love of country on hatred of others. Even seen in a somewhat better light, "patriotism" may suggest the ethical blindness lurking in that old phrase, "My country right or wrong, but wrong or right, my country."

This narrow interpretation of patriotism has been rejected by many, particularly by those who believe that love for country should sometimes be expressed by criticism of its policies or with recognition of its deficiencies.

THE TERM "patriotism" has been debased to such an extent that it seems to be disappearing from respectable vocabularies altogether. But words are powerful. They some-



moral perspectives
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times create realities as effectively as they reflect them. Often enough, the degradation of a word can end up in the downgrading of the idea for which it stands. It would be a shame for the same thing to happen to "patriotism."

As we enter the political intensity of an election year, we should seek to restore and reinvigorate the uniquely American conception of patriotism. As a nation, we are not held together by blood-clans or tribal memories.

The United States was founded on an idea; it is sustained by the same idea; loyalty to it, in the final analysis, is based on fidelity to that idea. Our country was based on certain propositions about the nature of government,

the limits of constitutional authority, the equality of all citizens, the claims of law, and the rights of the people to govern themselves. These principles define more than anything else, what America means.

WE HAVE entered a difficult period of our history. We are concerned about our economic stability, we have come to recognize the limits of American power, we are struggling to maintain balance in the midst of fiscal and societal turbulence.

We urgently need a resurgence of the sense of patriotism. This is not manifested necessarily in loud proclamations of loyalty to any group of leaders, or docile acceptance of any particular social, economic or political arrangements.

The patriot is not to be judged by how vocally he proclaims his love of country, but by how well he lives up to the idea of what it is to be an American. Patriotism in our time should be a weaving of intelligence and responsibility, of self-discipline and faith, and above all, a reaffirmation of the American vision of a free society that remains today, as in the past, the hope of the world.

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